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Dear Requester:

This letter is intended to acknowledge the receipt of your recent Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, received by the United States Secret Service (Secret Service) on January 11, 2019, for information pertaining to records associated with mailing list "Cypherpunks", using address "cypherpunks@al-qaeda.net", or "cypherpunks@lists.cpunks.org".

Due to the lapse in appropriations leading to the Federal Government shutdown, the United States Secret Service FOIA Office was closed from December 22, 2018 to January 25, 2019. This office received your request on January 11, 2019. We apologize for the delay in acknowledging your request. The shutdown has impacted the time it will take to respond to your request. However, we will work on your case as quickly as possible.

Please be advised, provisions of the Act allow us to recover part of the cost of complying with your request. We shall charge you for the records in accordance with FOIA regulations as they apply to "all other" requesters. The first 100 pages of duplication are free of charge. As an "all other" requester, you will be charged .10 cents a page for the duplication of each additional page. As an "all other" requester, the first 2 hours of search time are free of charge, after which you will be charged the per quarter-hour rate (\$4.00, \$7.00, \$10.25) of the searcher.

Furthermore, the submission of your request is considered a firm commitment, by you, to pay all applicable duplication and search time costs charged, under 6 C.F.R., Chapter I, Part 5 § 5.11, up to \$25.00. A search for files responsive to your request is being conducted. The appropriate components of the Secret Service are being queried for responsive documents. If any responsive records are located, they will be reviewed for a disclosure determination. You will be contacted before any additional fees are accrued.

Due to the increasing number of FOIA requests received by this office, we may encounter some delay in processing your request. As your request seeks documents that will require a thorough and wide-ranging search, the Secret Service will invoke a 10-day extension for your request pursuant to 6 C.F.R., Part 5 § 5.5(c). If you would like to narrow the scope of your request, please contact our office. We will make every effort to comply with your request in a timely manner. Additionally, per Section 5.5(a) of the FOIA regulations, 6 C.F.R, Chapter I, Part 5, Secret Service processes FOIA requests according to their order of receipt.

Your request has been assigned FOIA File No. 20190326. We solicit your cooperation and assure you that the search will be conducted as expeditiously as possible. To check the status of your FOIA request, please contact this office at (202) 406-6370.

Please use the file number indicated above in all future correspondence with this office.

Thank you,

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